



## Conservation Practice Overview

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### Fence (Code 382)

A constructed barrier to animals or people.

### Practice Information

This practice is applied to any area where livestock and/or wildlife control is needed, or where access to people is to be regulated. A wide variety of fences exist, however, fencing material and construction quality is always designed and installed to assure the fence will meet the intended purpose. The standard fence is constructed of either barbed or smooth wire suspended by posts with support structures. Other types include woven wire for small animals, electric fence, and suspension fences which are designed with heavy, but widely spaced posts and support structures.



Things to consider when planning a fence:

- Avoid irregular terrain as much as possible
- Impact on wildlife movement
- State and local laws
- Livestock handling, watering, and feeding requirements

Operation and maintenance for a fence include regular inspections after storms and other disturbance events. Maintain and repair a fence as needed, including tree and limb removal, water-gap replacement, repair or replacement of control features, and maintenance of fladry or signage.

### Common Associated Practices

NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Fence (Code 382) is commonly applied with NRCS CPSs such as Prescribed Grazing (Code 528) and Use Exclusion (Code 472). For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.